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This section describes the information contained in the various sections of the instruction reference pages. It also explains the notational conventions and abbreviations used in these sections.

38.1 Instruction Format

The following is an example of the format used for each Intel Architecture instruction description:

CMC—Complement Carry Flag

Opcode	Instruction	Description
F5	CMC	Complement carry flag

38.1.1 Opcode Column

The “Opcode” column gives the complete object code produced for each form of the instruction. When possible, the codes are given as hexadecimal bytes, in the same order in which they appear in memory. Definitions of entries other than hexadecimal bytes are as follows:

- **/digit**—A digit between 0 and 7 indicates that the ModR/M byte of the instruction uses only the r/m (register or memory) operand. The reg field contains the digit that provides an extension to the instruction's opcode.
- **/r—**Indicates that the ModR/M byte of the instruction contains both a register operand and an r/m operand.
- **cb, cw, cd, cp—**A 1-byte (cb), 2-byte (cw), 4-byte (cd), or 6-byte (cp) value following the opcode that is used to specify a code offset and possibly a new value for the code segment register.
- **ib, iw, id—**A 1-byte (ib), 2-byte (iw), or 4-byte (id) immediate operand to the instruction that follows the opcode, ModR/M bytes or scale-indexing bytes. The opcode determines if the operand is a signed value. All words and doublewords are given with the low-order byte first.
- **+rb, +rw, +rd—**A register code, from 0 through 7, added to the hexadecimal byte given at the left of the plus sign to form a single opcode byte. The register codes are given in Table 38-1.
- **+i—**A number used in floating-point instructions when one of the operands is ST(i) from the FPU register stack. The number i (which can range from 0 to 7) is added to the hexadecimal byte given at the left of the plus sign to form a single opcode byte.

Table 38-1. Register Encodings Associated with the +rb, +rw, and +rd Nomenclature

rb			rw			rd		
AL	=	0	AX	=	0	EAX	=	0
CL	=	1	CX	=	1	ECX	=	1
DL	=	2	DX	=	2	EDX	=	2
BL	=	3	BX	=	3	EBX	=	3
rb			**rw**			**rd**		
AH	=	4	SP	=	4	ESP	=	4
CH	=	5	BP	=	5	EBP	=	5
DH	=	6	SI	=	6	ESI	=	6
BH	=	7	DI	=	7	EDI	=	7

38.1.2 Instruction Column

The “Instruction” column gives the syntax of the instruction statement as it would appear in an ASM386 program. The following is a list of the symbols used to represent operands in the instruction statements:

- **rel8**—A relative address in the range from 128 bytes before the end of the instruction to 127 bytes after the end of the instruction.
- **rel16 and rel32**—A relative address within the same code segment as the instruction assembled. The rel16 symbol applies to instructions with an operand-size attribute of 16 bits; the rel32 symbol applies to instructions with an operand-size attribute of 32 bits.
- **ptr16:16 and ptr16:32**—A far pointer, typically in a code segment different from that of the instruction. The notation *16:16* indicates that the value of the pointer has two parts. The value to the left of the colon is a 16-bit selector or value destined for the code segment register. The value to the right corresponds to the offset within the destination segment. The ptr16:16 symbol is used when the instruction's operand-size attribute is 16 bits; the ptr16:32 symbol is used when the operand-size attribute is 32 bits.
- **r8**—One of the byte general-purpose registers AL, CL, DL, BL, AH, CH, DH, or BH.
- **r16**—One of the word general-purpose registers AX, CX, DX, BX, SP, BP, SI, or DI.
- **r32**—One of the doubleword general-purpose registers EAX, ECX, EDX, EBX, ESP, EBP, ESI, or EDI.
- **imm8**—An immediate byte value. The imm8 symbol is a signed number between –128 and +127 inclusive. For instructions in which imm8 is combined with a word or doubleword operand, the immediate value is sign-extended to form a word or doubleword. The upper byte of the word is filled with the topmost bit of the immediate value.
- **imm16**—An immediate word value used for instructions whose operand-size attribute is 16 bits. This is a number between –32,768 and +32,767 inclusive.
- **imm32**—An immediate doubleword value used for instructions whose operand-size attribute is 32 bits. It allows the use of a number between +2,147,483,647 and –2,147,483,648 inclusive.
- **r/m8**—A byte operand that is either the contents of a byte general-purpose register (AL, BL, CL, DL, AH, BH, CH, and DH), or a byte from memory.

- **r/m16**—A word general-purpose register or memory operand used for instructions whose operand-size attribute is 16 bits. The word general-purpose registers are: AX, BX, CX, DX, SP, BP, SI, and DI. The contents of memory are found at the address provided by the effective address computation.
- **r/m32**—A doubleword general-purpose register or memory operand used for instructions whose operand-size attribute is 32 bits. The doubleword general-purpose registers are: EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESP, EBP, ESI, and EDI. The contents of memory are found at the address provided by the effective address computation.
- **m**—A 16- or 32-bit operand in memory.
- **m8**—A byte operand in memory, usually expressed as a variable or array name, but pointed to by the DS:(E)SI or ES:(E)DI registers. This nomenclature is used only with the string instructions and the XLAT instruction.
- **m16**—A word operand in memory, usually expressed as a variable or array name, but pointed to by the DS:(E)SI or ES:(E)DI registers. This nomenclature is used only with the string instructions.
- **m32**—A doubleword operand in memory, usually expressed as a variable or array name, but pointed to by the DS:(E)SI or ES:(E)DI registers. This nomenclature is used only with the string instructions.
- **m64**—A memory quadword operand in memory. This nomenclature is used only with the CMPXCHG8B instruction.
- **m16:16, m16:32**—A memory operand containing a far pointer composed of two numbers. The number to the left of the colon corresponds to the pointer's segment selector. The number to the right corresponds to its offset.
- **m16&32, m16&16, m32&32**—A memory operand consisting of data item pairs whose sizes are indicated on the left and the right side of the ampersand. All memory addressing modes are allowed. The m16&16 and m32&32 operands are used by the BOUND instruction to provide an operand containing an upper and lower bounds for array indices. The m16&32 operand is used by LIDT and LGDT to provide a word with which to load the limit field, and a doubleword with which to load the base field of the corresponding GDTR and IDTR registers.
- **moffs8, moffs16, moffs32**—A simple memory variable (memory offset) of type byte, word, or doubleword used by some variants of the MOV instruction. The actual address is given by a simple offset relative to the segment base. No ModR/M byte is used in the instruction. The number shown with moffs indicates its size, which is determined by the address-size attribute of the instruction.
- **Sreg**—A segment register. The segment register bit assignments are ES=0, CS=1, SS=2, DS=3, FS=4, and GS=5.
- **m32real, m64real, m80real**—A single-, double-, and extended-real (respectively) floating-point operand in memory.
- **m16int, m32int, m64int**—A word-, short-, and long-integer (respectively) floating-point operand in memory.
- **ST or ST(0)**—The top element of the FPU register stack.
- **ST(i)**—The i^{th} element from the top of the FPU register stack. (i = 0 through 7)
- **mm**—An MMX™ register. The 64-bit MMX registers are: MM0 through MM7.
- **mm/m32**—The low order 32 bits of an MMX register or a 32-bit memory operand. The 64-bit MMX registers are: MM0 through MM7. The contents of memory are found at the address provided by the effective address computation.

- **mm/m64**—An MMX register or a 64-bit memory operand. The 64-bit MMX registers are: MM0 through MM7. The contents of memory are found at the address provided by the effective address computation.

38.1.3 Description Column

The “Description” column following the “Instruction” column briefly explains the various forms of the instruction. The following “Description” and “Operation” sections contain more details of the instruction's operation.

38.1.4 Description

The “Description” section describes the purpose of the instructions and the required operands. It also discusses the effect of the instruction on flags.

38.2 Operation

The “Operation” section contains an algorithmic description (written in pseudo-code) of the instruction. The pseudo-code uses a notation similar to the Algol or Pascal language. The algorithms are composed of the following elements:

- Comments are enclosed within the symbol pairs “(*” and “*)”.
- Compound statements are enclosed in keywords, such as IF, THEN, ELSE, and FI for an if statement, DO and OD for a do statement, or CASE ... OF and ESAC for a case statement.
- A register name implies the contents of the register. A register name enclosed in brackets implies the contents of the location whose address is contained in that register. For example, ES:[DI] indicates the contents of the location whose ES segment relative address is in register DI. [SI] indicates the contents of the address contained in register SI relative to SI’s default segment (DS) or overridden segment.
- Parentheses around the “E” in a general-purpose register name, such as (E)SI, indicates that an offset is read from the SI register if the current address-size attribute is 16 or is read from the ESI register if the address-size attribute is 32.
- Brackets are also used for memory operands, where they mean that the contents of the memory location is a segment-relative offset. For example, [SRC] indicates that the contents of the source operand is a segment-relative offset.
- A ← B; indicates that the value of B is assigned to A.
- The symbols =, ≠, ≥, and ≤ are relational operators used to compare two values, meaning equal, not equal, greater or equal, less or equal, respectively. A relational expression such as A = B is TRUE if the value of A is equal to B; otherwise it is FALSE.
- The expression “<< COUNT” and “>> COUNT” indicates that the destination operand should be shifted left or right, respectively, by the number of bits indicated by the count operand.

The following identifiers are used in the algorithmic descriptions:

- **OperandSize and AddressSize**—The OperandSize identifier represents the operand-size attribute of the instruction, which is either 16 or 32 bits. The AddressSize identifier represents the address-size attribute, which is either 16 or 32 bits. For example, the following pseudo-

code indicates that the operand-size attribute depends on the form of the CMPS instruction used.

```
IF instruction = CMPSW
    THEN OperandSize ← 16;
    ELSE
        IF instruction = CMPSD
            THEN OperandSize ← 32;
        FI;
FI;
```

See "Operand-Size and Address-Size Attributes", for general guidelines on how these attributes are determined.

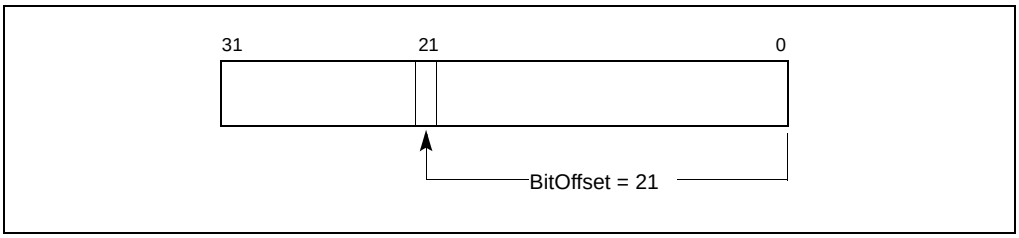
- **StackAddrSize**—Represents the stack address-size attribute associated with the instruction, which has a value of 16 or 32 bits (see "Address-Size Attributes for Stack Accesses".
- **SRC**—Represents the source operand.
- **DEST**—Represents the destination operand.

The following functions are used in the algorithmic descriptions:

- **ZeroExtend(value)**—Returns a value zero-extended to the operand-size attribute of the instruction. For example, if the operand-size attribute is 32, zero extending a byte value of –10 converts the byte from F6H to a doubleword value of 000000F6H. If the value passed to the ZeroExtend function and the operand-size attribute are the same size, ZeroExtend returns the value unaltered.
- **SignExtend(value)**—Returns a value sign-extended to the operand-size attribute of the instruction. For example, if the operand-size attribute is 32, sign extending a byte containing the value –10 converts the byte from F6H to a doubleword value of FFFFFFF6H. If the value passed to the SignExtend function and the operand-size attribute are the same size, SignExtend returns the value unaltered.
- **SaturateSignedWordToSignedByte**—Converts a signed 16-bit value to a signed 8-bit value. If the signed 16-bit value is less than –128, it is represented by the saturated value –128 (80H); if it is greater than 127, it is represented by the saturated value 127 (7FH).
- **SaturateSignedDwordToSignedWord**—Converts a signed 32-bit value to a signed 16-bit value. If the signed 32-bit value is less than –32768, it is represented by the saturated value –32768 (8000H); if it is greater than 32767, it is represented by the saturated value 32767 (7FFFH).
- **SaturateSignedWordToUnsignedByte**—Converts a signed 16-bit value to an unsigned 8-bit value. If the signed 16-bit value is less than zero, it is represented by the saturated value zero (00H); if it is greater than 255, it is represented by the saturated value 255 (FFH).
- **SaturateToSignedByte**—Represents the result of an operation as a signed 8-bit value. If the result is less than –128, it is represented by the saturated value –128 (80H); if it is greater than 127, it is represented by the saturated value 127 (7FH).
- **SaturateToSignedWord**—Represents the result of an operation as a signed 16-bit value. If the result is less than –32768, it is represented by the saturated value –32768 (8000H); if it is greater than 32767, it is represented by the saturated value 32767 (7FFFH).
- **SaturateToUnsignedByte**—Represents the result of an operation as a signed 8-bit value. If the result is less than zero it is represented by the saturated value zero (00H); if it is greater than 255, it is represented by the saturated value 255 (FFH).

- **SaturateToUnsignedWord**—Represents the result of an operation as a signed 16-bit value. If the result is less than zero it is represented by the saturated value zero (00H); if it is greater than 65535, it is represented by the saturated value 65535 (FFFFH).
- LowOrderWord(DEST * SRC)—Multiplies a word operand by a word operand and stores the least significant word of the doubleword result in the destination operand.
- HighOrderWord(DEST * SRC)—Multiplies a word operand by a word operand and stores the most significant word of the doubleword result in the destination operand.
- **Push(value)**—Pushes a value onto the stack. The number of bytes pushed is determined by the operand-size attribute of the instruction. See the "Operation" section in "PUSH—Push Word or Doubleword Onto the Stack" in this chapter for more information on the push operation.
- **Pop()** removes the value from the top of the stack and returns it. The statement EAX ← Pop(); assigns to EAX the 32-bit value from the top of the stack. Pop will return either a word or a doubleword depending on the operand-size attribute. See the "Operation" section in "POP—Pop a Value from the Stack" for more information on the pop operation.
- **PopRegisterStack**—Marks the FPU ST(0) register as empty and increments the FPU register stack pointer (TOP) by 1.
- **Switch-Tasks**—Performs a standard task switch.
- **Bit(BitBase, BitOffset)**—Returns the value of a bit within a bit string, which is a sequence of bits in memory or a register. Bits are numbered from low-order to high-order within registers and within memory bytes. If the base operand is a register, the offset can be in the range 0..31. This offset addresses a bit within the indicated register. An example, the function Bit[EAX, 21] is illustrated in Figure 38-1.

Figure 38-1. Bit Offset for BIT[EAX,21]

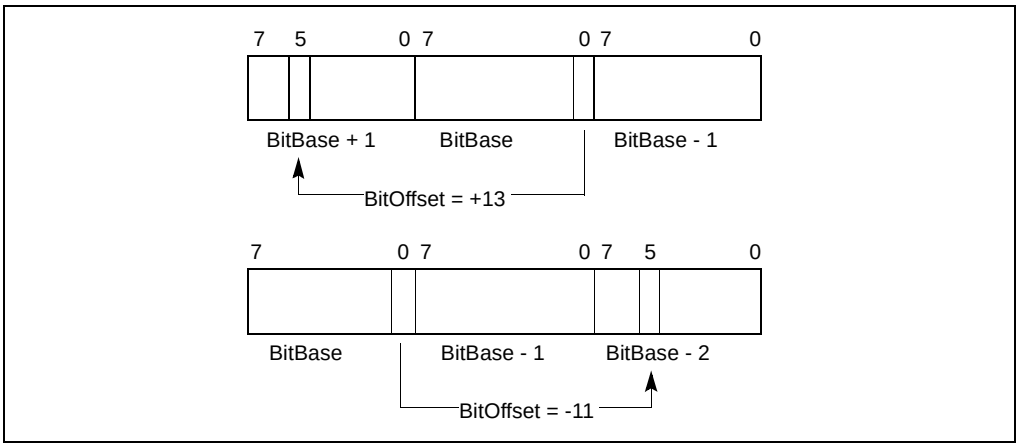


If BitBase is a memory address, BitOffset can range from –2 GBits to 2 GBits. The addressed bit is numbered (Offset MOD 8) within the byte at address (BitBase + (BitOffset DIV 8)), where DIV is signed division with rounding towards negative infinity, and MOD returns a positive number. This operation is illustrated in Figure 38-2.

38.3 Flags Affected

The "Flags Affected" section lists the flags in the EFLAGS register that are affected by the instruction. When a flag is cleared, it is equal to 0; when it is set, it is equal to 1. The arithmetic and logical instructions usually assign values to the status flags in a uniform manner (see "EFLAGS Cross-Reference and Condition Codes"). Non-conventional assignments are described in the "Operation" section. The values of flags listed as **undefined** may be changed by the instruction in an indeterminate manner. Flags that are not listed are unchanged by the instruction.

Figure 38-2. Memory Bit Indexing



38.4 FPU Flags Affected

The floating-point instructions have an “FPU Flags Affected” section that describes how each instruction can affect the four condition code flags of the FPU status word.

38.5 Protected Mode Exceptions

The “Protected Mode Exceptions” section lists the exceptions that can occur when the instruction is executed in protected mode and the reasons for the exceptions. Each exception is given a mnemonic that consists of a pound sign (#) followed by two letters and an optional error code in parentheses. For example, #GP(0) denotes a general protection exception with an error code of 0. Table 38-2 associates each two-letter mnemonic with the corresponding interrupt vector number and exception name. See Chapter 5, *Interrupt and Exception Handling*, in the *Intel Architecture Software Developer’s Manual, Volume 3*, for a detailed description of the exceptions.

Application programmers should consult the documentation provided with their operating systems to determine the actions taken when exceptions occur.

38.6 Real-Address Mode Exceptions

The “Real-Address Mode Exceptions” section lists the exceptions that can occur when the instruction is executed in real-address mode.

Table 38-2. Exception Mnemonics, Names, and Vector Numbers

Vector No.	Mnemonic	Name	Source
0	#DE	Divide Error	DIV and IDIV instructions.
1	#DB	Debug	Any code or data reference.
3	#BP	Breakpoint	INT 3 instruction.
4	#OF	Overflow	INTO instruction.
5	#BR	BOUND Range Exceeded	BOUND instruction.
6	#UD	Invalid Opcode (Undefined Opcode)	UD2 instruction or reserved opcode.[1]
7	#NM	Device Not Available (No Math Coprocessor)	Floating-point or WAIT/FWAIT instruction.
8	#DF	Double Fault	Any instruction that can generate an exception, an NMI, or an INTR.
10	#TS	Invalid TSS	Task switch or TSS access.
11	#NP	Segment Not Present	Loading segment registers or accessing system segments.
12	#SS	Stack Segment Fault	Stack operations and SS register loads.
13	#GP	General Protection	Any memory reference and other protection checks.
14	#PF	Page Fault	Any memory reference.
16	#MF	Floating-Point Error (Math Fault)	Floating-point or WAIT/FWAIT instruction.
17	#AC	Alignment Check	Any data reference in memory.[2]
18	#MC	Machine Check	Model dependent.[3]

NOTES:
1. The UD2 instruction was introduced in the Pentium® Pro processor.
2. This exception was introduced in the Intel486™ processor.
3. This exception was introduced in the Pentium processor and enhanced in the Pentium Pro processor.

38.7 Virtual-8086 Mode Exceptions

The “Virtual-8086 Mode Exceptions” section lists the exceptions that can occur when the instruction is executed in virtual-8086 mode.

38.8 Floating-Point Exceptions

The “Floating-Point Exceptions” section lists additional exceptions that can occur when a floating-point instruction is executed in any mode. All of these exception conditions result in a floating-point error exception (#MF, vector number 16) being generated. Table 38-3 associates each one- or two-letter mnemonic with the corresponding exception name. See “Floating-Point Exception Conditions”, for a detailed description of these exceptions.

Table 38-3. Floating-Point Exception Mnemonics and Names

Vector No.	Mnemonic	Name	Source
16	#IS #IA	Floating-point invalid operation: - Stack overflow or underflow - Invalid arithmetic operation	 - FPU stack overflow or underflow - Invalid FPU arithmetic operation
16	#Z	Floating-point divide-by-zero	FPU divide-by-zero
16	#D	Floating-point denormalized operation	Attempting to operate on a denormal number
16	#O	Floating-point numeric overflow	FPU numeric overflow
16	#U	Floating-point numeric underflow	FPU numeric underflow
16	#P	Floating-point inexact result (precision)	Inexact result (precision)